

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-45 are presently active.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-6 and 8-45 were rejected as being anticipated by Kubo et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,828,461). Claim 7 was rejected as being unpatentable over Kubo et al.

Claim 1 as previously presented defines a print control system having:

a print dialogue box displayed in response to a print request and configured to at least display print settings for a print job, modify the print settings, and confirm the print settings for the print job, and

a printing information dialogue box configured to display, upon a confirmation of the print settings for print job and prior to processing of the print job for printing, a synopsis of the print settings for the print job including at least an indication of a paper selection. [emphasis added]

The Office Action associates the claimed print dialogue box with element 113 in Kubo et al and associates the claimed printing information dialogue box with elements 90 and 100.

Regarding element 90, Figure 9A of Kubo et al is reproduced below showing main menu 90:

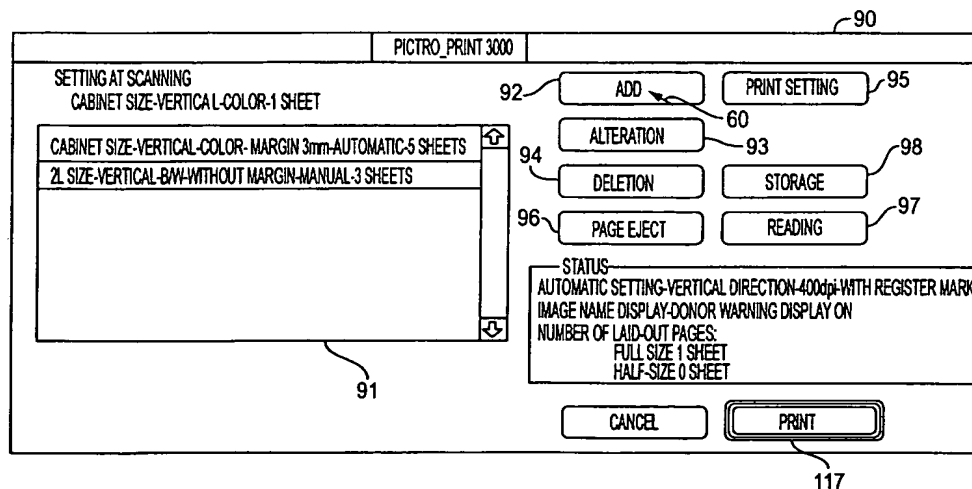


FIG. 9A

In Kubo et al, after the print setting button 95 in main menu 90 is selected, the display of

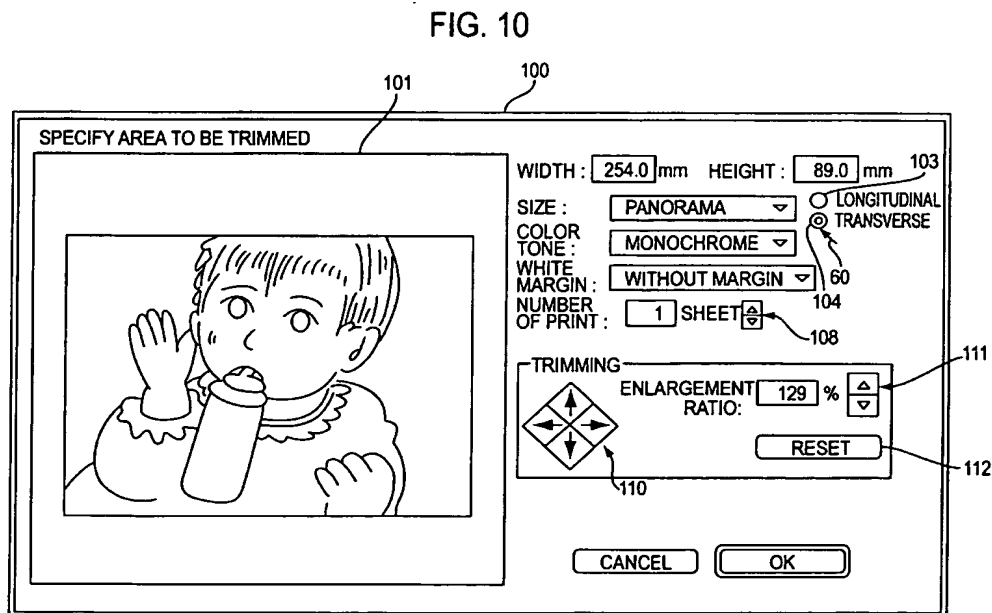
the dialogue box 113 is presented to the user. Kubo et al disclose at col. 24, lines 18-30, that:

The click operation of the print setting button 95 in the main menu shown in FIG. 9A allows a common print setting operation for all items displayed in the print registration display area 91. ***When the print setting operation is selected, a dialogue box 113 shown in FIG. 12 is displayed*** on the monitor 30.

The dialogue box 113 allows setting of a printer, a paper feed direction, a paper size, resolution, and the like. At the same time, setting of a register mark (i.e., whether a register mark is printed or not), setting of printing an image-title (i.e., whether an image title is printed on a paper or not), and the like can be performed. [Emphasis added]

Thus, the dialogue box 113 of Kubo et al is selected after display of main menu 90 to permit a user to set the print setting for a print job. Thus, display of main menu 90 of Kubo et al precedes the display of dialogue box 113 used to set the printer settings. Therefore, main menu 90 of Kubo et al is displayed prior to selection of the print settings, and is not displayed ***upon a confirmation*** of the present settings as would be required for main menu 90 to anticipate the claimed printing information dialogue box.

Regarding element 100, Figure 10 of Kubo et al is reproduced below showing dialogue box 100:



In Kubo et al, dialogue box 100 is presented to the user after the addition button 92 in main menu 100 is selected. Kubo et al disclose at col. 22, line 60, to col. 23, line 8, that:

The main menu 90 is provided with *an additional button 92 for adding a print instruction*, an alteration button 93 of a previously registered print instruction (displayed in the print registration display area 91), a deletion button 94, a print setting button 95, a page eject button 96, a read button 97 for reading a stored setting value, a storage button 98 for storing the setting value in a predetermined file, and the like.

Here, *when the click operation of the additional button is effected*, a dialogue box 100 for setting trimming shown in FIG. 10 is displayed on the monitor 30. In an output frame 101 of the dialogue box 100, an image corresponding to the image data is displayed as a monochromatic image. Meanwhile, display of a monochromatic image enables rapid processing of images, and a color image may also be displayed.

Further, the dialogue box 100 allows setting of a print size, color tone, a white border, number of prints, and the like. In the respective indicating sections of these setting, previously stored setting values are displayed. The output frame 101 is displayed in such a manner that a longitudinal direction of a print is fixed at an aspect ratio corresponding to a set print size, and an image is displayed in accordance with a set enlargement ratio. [Emphasis added]

Thus, the dialogue box 100 of Kubo et al is selected after display of main menu 90 to permit a user to set the print setting for a print job. Thus, display of dialogue box 100 of Kubo et al is part of Kubo et al's setting of the print settings for the print job. Therefore, dialogue box 100 of Kubo et al is displayed in order to set the print settings, and is not displayed *upon a confirmation* of the present settings as would be required for dialogue box 100 to anticipate the claimed printing information dialogue box.

Hence, neither main menu 90 nor dialogue box 100 met the criteria defined in the claimed printing information dialogue box.

M.P.E.P. § 2131 requires for anticipation that each and every feature of the claimed invention must be shown and requires for anticipation that the identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim. However, as shown above, elements

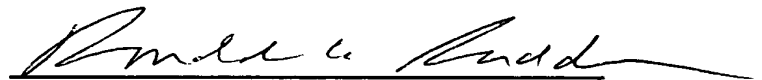
90 and 100 of Kubo et al associated in the Office Action with the claimed printing dialogue box are not selected after confirmation of the print settings, as would be required in order for these elements to anticipate the corresponding claimed features of the printing dialogue box.

Hence, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 1 and similarly independent Claims 9, 25, and 30 (and the claims dependent therefrom) patentably define over Kubo et al.

Consequently, in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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